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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 in the present application, and for printing on the face of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

The present application is a continuation of Application No. 09/351,130 filed 12 July 1999, now allowed. The information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior application. In accordance with MPEP §609A(2), no copies of the listed references are required. Further, in accordance with MPEP §609A(3), no concise explanation of relevance is required for the information that is not in the English language because the relevance of the information does not differ from its relevance as explained in the prior application.

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